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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed January 28, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 19 and 36 as follows:

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19. (Amended) An anchor for insertion into a bone hole to secure a suture to bone, comprising:  
a rigid body defining a generally transverse, circumferentially bounded opening extending through said body for receiving the suture,  
said body having a non-helically extending exterior enlargement for engaging the bone upon insertion to resist withdrawal of said anchor from the bone.

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36. (Amended) An anchor for insertion into a bone hole to secure a suture to bone, comprising:  
a body having a cylindrical exterior surface, said body defining a single, circumferentially bounded opening for receiving the suture, and  
a non-helical circumferential ridge extending from the cylindrical exterior surface of said body for engaging the bone upon insertion to resist withdrawal of said anchor from the bone.

Please add new claims 94-101 as follows:

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94. An anchor for insertion into a bone hole to secure a suture to bone, comprising:

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